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SUBJECT: PRC RELEASE OF "WAR CRIMINALS"

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REF: A. TAIPEI 1530 B. TAIPEI 1393

1. THE APRIL 3 CHINA NEWS CARRIED AN EDITORIAL ON THE PRC RELEASE OF "WAR CRIMINALS" ENTITLED "PROPAGANDA PLOY". BECAUSE IT APPEARS IN THE LOW-CIRCULATION ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS WE DO NOT SEE ANY SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE EVEN THOUGH IT IS THE ONLY REPORT ON THIS TOPIC SINCE MARCH 22 (SEE REF A).

2. A "CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAVE A SHAMEFULLY EASY TIME PULLING THE WOOL OVER THE EYES OF EVEN "CHINA EXPERTS."

B. RECENTLY THE PEIKING REGIME PURPORTEDLY RELEASED 293 "WAR CRIMINALS" IMPRISONED WHEN THE COMMUNISTS USURPED THE CHINESE MAINLAND A QUARTER CENTURY AGO.

C. THOSE AMNESTIED WERE TOLD THEY COULD REJOIN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN TAIWAN ANY TIME THEY WISHED. OR

SO THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS CLAIMED.

D. NOW SOME "CHINA WATCHERS" ARE DESCRIBING THIS AS A "SPECTACULAR GESTURE OF RECONCILIATION" WITH THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT ON TAIWAN, AND ALSO AS PROOF THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE RUNNING AN ORDERLY AND STABLE GOVERNMENT UNDER THE NEW "CONSTITUTION."

E. ONE PARAGRAPH OF ANALYSIS SAID PEIPING HAD PORTRAYED ITSELF AS "OPEN-MINDED" AND SHOWN A SPIRIT OF "GENUINE CONCILIATION."

F. TO CALL THIS DRIVEL AND HOGWASH IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT. IT IS A PROPAGANDA PLOY ADDRESSED TO THE UNITED STATES IN AN ATTEMPT TO PROVE THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAVE SUDDENLY BECOME PARAGONS OF SWEETNESS AND LIGHT.

G. THE PROPAGANDA IS NOT ADDRESSED TO US. PEIPING KNOWS IT IS TOO RIDICULOUS TO BE BELIEVED BY THOSE WHO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS.

H. THESE 293 PRISONERS HAVE NOT BEEN SENT OUT TO HONG KONG WHERE THEY COULD TALK FREELY. THE COMMUNISTS DID NOT EVEN DARE PUT THEM ON DISPLAY.

I. IMAGINE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF ONE OF THEM SAID HE WANTED TO PROCEED TO TAIWAN. IT WOULD BE A MATTER OF LOBECTOMY FIRST AND TRAVEL AFTERWARD.

J. OUR ANSWER SHOULD BE REPETITION OF THE CHALLENGE WE MADE SOME TIME AGO. LET A FAIR-MINDED NEUTRAL COUNTRY CHOOSE 1,000 CHINESE FROM TAIWAN AND 1,000 CHINESE FROM THE MAINLAND, EXCHANGE THEM AND ALLOW THEM TO LIVE FREELY FOR A YEAR UNDER NEUTRAL OBSERVATION. THEN GIVE THEM FREE CHOICE OF DOMICILE.

K. WE WOULD WIN BY SOMETHING LIKE 999 TO 1.

L. THE CASE OF THE 293 PROVES ONLY THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE AS DEVIOUSLY DECEITFUL AS EVER. WE REGRET THAT SOME OF THOSE WHO ONCE MISTOOK THEM FOR AGRARIAN REFORMERS ARE STILL SO EASILY DECEIVED."

3. FYI. PARA 2 C REFERENCE TO THE "REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN TAIWAN" IS THE FOURTH TIME THE CHINA NEWS HAS USED THIS FORMULATION SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, A CHARACTERISTIC, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, PECULIAR ONLY TO THE EDITORIAL PAGE OF THE CHINA NEWS. UNGER

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